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Including A Leaktight Flexible Joint Between A  
Riser And A Float

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U.S. Patent No. 6,672,804 corresponds to Publication No. FR 99/10417 which is mentioned in the specification.

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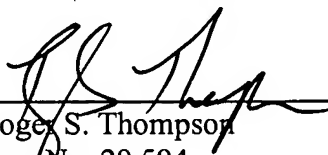
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